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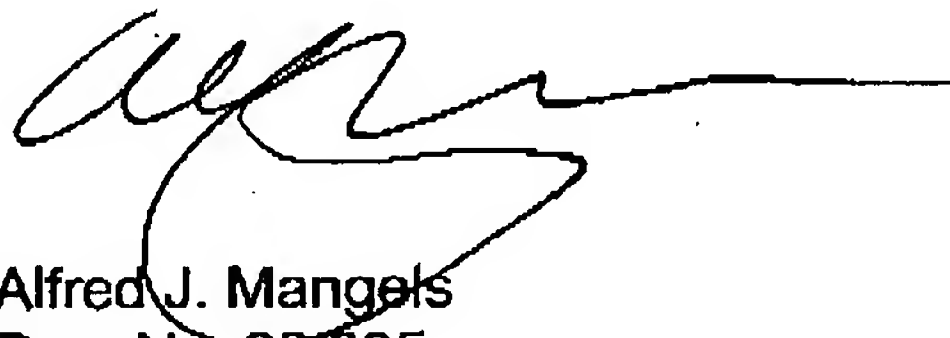
Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter contained in claims 4, 7, 12, and 13. Each of those claims has now been rewritten to place it in independent form by including the subject matter of former claim 1. Accordingly, independent claim 1 and dependent 3 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

With regard to the remaining dependent claims, claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 11 have each been amended to depend from allowable claim 4.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, the claims as they now stand in the application are believed to be in allowable form. Consequently, this application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested with a view toward the issuance of an early Notice of Allowance.

The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if this amendment raises any questions, so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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